
Transportation and Public Access

Existing access routes are summarized in this section and on Map 2. Proposed routes are summarized in the Roads, Trails, and Public Access section of Chapter 3 and on Map 8.

The **Willer-Kash Road** is a permanent, public road that extends north from a bridge across Willow Creek at mile 6.8 on the Willow-Fishhook (Hatcher Pass) Road. As of the publication of this plan, the road was constructed as far as the south bank of Iron Creek in Subunit b. Plans exist to continue construction of this road.

Jim Carter Road is a permanent, year-round road that connects the Willer-Kash Road to a private homestead in Subunit c.

A 1-1/2 mile **temporary road** currently provides access to personal use timber harvesting areas in the southern part of Subunit b. The temporary road branches east from the Willer-Kash Road and splits into two forks after about one mile.

The **Knik-Talkeetna Trail** extends north from the Willow Creek Road through borough lands in subunits a and b. It continues north across the Kashwitna River, past the Caswell subdivision, and on to Talkeetna. It has existed since prior to 1917 and is used for off-road vehicle (ORV) travel.

A **central trail** parallels the Knik-Talkeetna Trail 2-3 miles further east. It extends north from the Willer-Kash Road through subunits c, b, and a and joins the Knik-Talkeetna Trail just south of the Kashwitna River. A short **link trail** also joins the central and Knik-Talkeetna trails just south of Rogers Creek. These routes are used for ORV travel.

The **Willow Creek Mountain Trail** runs east from the Willer-Kash Road through the southern edge of Subunit b. It continues east to junctions with the north-south trails through the Willow Mountain Critical Habitat Area. It is a major ORV trail.

There are no established airstrips in the Kashwitna Unit. The **unnamed lake** in Subunit b (T21N R4W sections 1 and 12) is approximately 1/2-mile long and may provide some access for small planes. There are no reports of landings on this lake.